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Out with old, in with new contract

Former labor pact lasted two decades

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Maj. Gen. Robert L. Moore commanded the then-Missile Command the last time this happened.

A new contract has been signed between the Aviation and Missile Command and AFGE Local 1858 to cover bargaining unit members of the command. It combines the two former contracts – professional and non-professional – into one contract. The previous Professional Contract was dated July 1, 1983; and the old Non-Professional Contract began June 19, 1981

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, and

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Photo by Skin Vaugh

ALL SMILES— Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of AMCOM and Redstone, joins Jim Brothers of AFGE Local 1858, seated on his right, in signing the new labor agreement as members of the negotiating teams look on.

'Resolute Strike' uncovers evidence on ambush

U.S. task force operation conducted in Afghanistan

By Spec. JIM WAGNER

Army News Service

SANGIN, Afghanistan — A task force led by 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment garnered information and equipment related to an ambush that left two U.S. servicemembers dead and one seriously injured.

The mission of Operation Resolute Strike — conducted April 8-9 in the affluent southern Afghanistan city of Sangin by 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers, Special Forces operators and criminal investigation task force members — was two-fold: to gain intelligence and the perpetrators of the March 29 ambush, and to deny sanctuary and remove weapons and ammunition used by anti-coalition forces.

Lt. Col. Richard Clarke, task force 3-504th PIR commander, said the operation was a success on both counts.

"We're gathering a significant amount of information about this ambush that may help lead others to find the perpetrators/attackers," Clarke said after the first day of the operation. "What we've done so far is recover a significant amount of small arms, mortar rounds, mortar tubes and anti-tank mines. Most importantly, we recovered bomb-making materials, to include some old C-4, and explosive devices that could have been used against coalition forces later."

At the end of the operation, a large cache of AK-47s, RPG launchers and other small arms weapons were taken by U.S. forces. Also, more than 240 pounds of ammunition used with mortars, RPGs and small arms were seized and destroyed by 731st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company members.

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Army photo

INVESTIGATORS— Criminal Investigation Task Force members escort an Afghan aboard a CH-47 "Chinook" April 9 for questioning back at Kandahar during Operation Resolute Strike.

Letters to the editor

Reader appreciates laugh

That a way to start off a dreary rainy morning. Picking up the *Rocket*, which I appreciate very much, and turning to page 15 and reading the awards article. The article is very well written, do a little myself, however, the picture.... Well, I just wonder how Geoff is looking on when it appears that his eyes are closed or looking down at the floor. By the way, appears to be bored out of his skull. And what is it

with that smile/grin on Jimmie's face?

Come on folks, if we want to truly present interesting articles, let's at least use pictures that compliment them.

There, that said, I wonder if the *Rocket* will print this. If they do, they are OK in my book.

Robert Davenport Retired Air Force

Earth Day celebration on Path to Nature

The Directorate of Environmental Management will hold the 33rd annual Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Path to Nature Educational Center near the Col. Hudson Recreational Area.

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and other special guests will be present at 10 a.m. to welcome everyone and plant a tree with some of the school children.

There will be representatives from regional agencies and local conservation groups, and volunteers from North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitators.

Need or want hardwood trees for your yard? There will be a seedling giveaway at 1:30 p.m. Attendees can also take a wetland tour, and talk with a University of Alabama anthropologist about early Native American plant uses.

Interested in archaeology? Come meet Jeff Thompson, one of the archeologists who has been surveying Redstone Arsenal. Bring your points and artifacts for identification. You can also see a flint knapper at work.

For more information, call Gabrielle Ehinger at 876-3977.

American Eatery coming soon to building 4488

By EVETTE BROOKS

For the Rocket

The American Eatery will open on the first floor, D-wing of building 4488 by early May, according to Kenny Barton, general manager of Post Exchange.

This eatery is somewhat different from Anthony's with a broad concept menu, Barton said.

The eatery will offer both an eat-in and walk-away breakfast and lunch menu. Patrons will have the choice of selecting breakfast foods such as sausage egg and cheese biscuits, breakfast platters consist-

ing of sausage/bacon and scrambled eggs, bagels and pastries to name a few.

Its lunch menu will include lunch platters, French dip, meatloaf, and pot roast, though not all of these items will be offered daily. Daily lunch specials will also be available and the prices are competitive and comparable to those of other surrounding establishments, Barton said.

The eatery, with a maximum seating capacity of 120, will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. All active duty military, military dependents, retirees, DoD civilian employees, and contractors' employees are welcome.

Ode to the soldier

S leep tugs at my eyelids as I burrow deep under the coversbut he found rest on a cold dirt floor and was glad for the few hours.

My drive this morning to work was quiet But his was full of noise I went by my favorite place for lunch but he ate hastily without a choice.

I sit in an air conditioned cubicle with a few suspenses to type but he is continuously watchful of his surroundings all through the night.

He has left behind his family his friends and his home to fight for his country and keep safe all we have known.

He is so young and courageous it is a tough job he must do this terrible thing called war for the good old Red, White and Blue.

I am so very proud of them and when war's end has come I ask the Lord from up above bring the soldiers safely home.

Lucinda Edwards
Corporate Information Center

An open lane random survey

Will the Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreak affect your travel plans?

By KELLEY LANE

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Sgt. David Weathers

"I hope they find a cure for it. I would definitely wear a face mask. Matter of fact, I have a guy graduating today that's going back to Japan. The first thing he asked was where could he get some face masks."



Daniel McMullen, vendor

"It won't affect any of my travel plans. I plan on going to Florida, flying, and I won't change any summer plans at all because of it."



Elise McWilliams, EELO office

"I wouldn't have any problem traveling. I wouldn't take any extra precautions or anything like that."



Anita Harrison, EELO office "I wouldn't go to Asia, but I won't be changing any of my plans. I probably won't take any more precautions than I would normally take."

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Support center, union sign three-year contract

The Corps of Engineers Professional Development Support Center and the employces' union have reached an agreement.

PDSC and the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858 signed a three-year contract for the center's professional and non-professional employees.

Tim Grey, director of personnel and training at Aviation and Missile Command, reviewed the contract for management. Hugh Lacy, vice president for AFGE at the center, reviewed it for the union.

The union's negotiators included chief Vicki Fuller, Gini Brown, Linda Himmelright and Jackie Moore. Management negotiators included chief Jeff Seward, Marilyn Lane, Margaret Simmons and Walter Pickett.



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IT'S OFFICIAL— Gary Andrew, director of Corps of Engineers Professional Development Support Center, and Jim Brothers, president of AFGE Local 1858, sign a labor agreement.

Communications upgrade construction resumes

The Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program construction project continues to expand its work locations, according to Richard Mathena, I3MP team leader in Directorate of Information Management.

Construction crews will continue

working on Rideout Road at the intersection of Toftoy Thruway and Digney Road.

Also construction was scheduled to start April 14 on Hale Road and on Patton Road south of Martin Road.

For more information, call Mathena at 876-0020.



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Cleanup work

Members of Boy Scout Troop 308 use canoes to help remove trash from the Huntsville Spring Branch's north end on Redstone Arsenal April 5. Volunteers from Team Redstone, Operation Green Team, Troop 308, Tennessee Valley Authority and Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge worked various areas of Huntsville Spring Branch to clean up city litter that migrates downstream.

Soldier sees golf Masters in Augusta

Sgt. Christopher Hudson won the opportunity to watch some of the world's best golfers in action.

Hudson, assigned to Fox Army Health Center, won a drawing for two four-day badges to the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Ga. The badges were made available to soldiers throughout the Southeast by the Southeast Regional Office, Morale Welfare and Recreation Division, Installation Management Agency, based at Fort McPherson, Ga.

Redstone's drawing was April 7; and the tournament was April 10-13.

Administrative professionals take educational opportunity

Most administrative professionals want more than just a lunch outing during what used to be called Secretaries Week.

Administrative Professionals Week is April 20-26 and Administrative Professionals Day is April 23. Now the largest workplace observance outside of birthdays and major holidays, APW began in 1952 as an effort to honor administrative staff and attract more people to office and administrative careers.

Years ago the big thing was taking the secretary to lunch and giving her flowers. However, administrative support now is asking for more training and ways to make their jobs more manageable. Most administrative assistants and other office support staff prefer observances directed toward professional education or group recognition, according to a 2001 poll by the International Association of Administrative Professionals.

IAAP is the world's leading association for administrative professionals with more than 600 chapters and 40,000 members in the United States, Canada and other countries.

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter will hold its Administrative Professionals Week seminar April 22 from 8 a.m. to noon in building 5400, SELA Auditorium, at no charge to attendees or their organizations. Other events include Administrative Professional of the Year presentations and special events saluting employees who offer exceptional support for their office staff.



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PROCLAMATION SIGNING— Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen signs the proclamation for Administrative Professionals Week. Standing from left are Ellen Mahathey, June Pockrus, Julie Manning, Sam Glover, Susan Douglas, Arnita Lee and Myria Chastain. April 16, 2003 The Redstone Rocket

New vans take maintenance to units in field



Harold Gamer/Photo Lab

HIGHLY REGARDED— Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, AMCOM commander, shows a model of the CALSET 2000 trailer. Brig. Gen. Roger Nadeau, right, program executive officer for combat support and combat service support, also participates in the ceremony.

Calibration equipment replaces '70s hardware

By KIM GILLESPIE

For the Rocket

Keeping soldiers' equipment maintained and field-ready is crucial to their mission and safety, and that's what Calibration Set 2000 is all about.

The first CALSET units produced by Team Redstone were released April 7 for soldier fielding. Brig. Gen. Roger Nadeau, program executive officer for combat support and combat service support, said he will sleep better at night knowing that soldiers will benefit from this new equipment.

Nadeau joined Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, at the ceremony marking the joint efforts of materiel developers, combat developers, war fighters, and supporting contractors. Nadeau noted that CALSET 2000 replaces 1970s era equipment. Dodgen spoke of how CALSET 2000 will support the force of the future, the Objective Force, because it allows for a more diverse mission. CALSET 2000 checks the calibration on tools and test equipment to ensure that everything from missiles and tanks to helicopters are kept running smoothly.

Howard Race, director of the Strategic Customer Initiatives Office under the Deputy to the Commander for Systems Support, oversees the AMCOM Reuse Office, a key player in the CALSET 2000 success story.

"Everything from research and development and acquisition, to unit production and soldier training was done here at Redstone," Race said. "Not only is Maj. Gen. Dodgen the supplier but he is also the customer so you know he is going to make sure there is a good product because he is on both ends of the life cycle."

Race pointed out that by using the AMCOM Reuse Office as the "systems integrator," the first production units of CALSET 2000 met both schedule and budget requirements.

"The Reuse Office was able to acquire excess vans, recapitalize those vans, and install commercially available or off-the-shelf equipment. By using our systems support contractors and small business contractors, the work was done locally and 90 percent of the money stayed in the area," he said.

But more importantly, CALSET 2000 is meeting soldier needs. CALSET 2000 replaces two of the '70s vintage "expando" vans and a generator with one trailer that acts as a mobile laboratory, a new model tactical "quiet" generator, and

a Humvee with a rigid wall shelter also housing calibration equipment. The Humvee can deploy separately from the trailer laboratory and provide on-the-site calibration capabilities to soldiers in the field. The old system required the equipment to be brought to the vans. Race said that the Humvee performing the "split operations" will do about 70 percent of the work needed in the field with the soldiers.

"Our Army is transforming to a more flexible and mobile force, and that is exactly what CALSET 2000 is designed to support," he said.

One of the soldiers already familiar with CALSET 2000 is SFC Jerry Etheridge, the NCO-in-charge for test, measurement and diagnostic equipment systems training division of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, who teaches soldiers in the calibration occupational specialty how the calibration set is used. Etheridge has taken CALSET 2000 on five field exercises since last fall, and he praised the new system.

"It can be transported by C-5, C-17 and C-130 aircraft which makes it much easier to deploy than the old equipment," he said. "It gets you to the fight faster. The generator is also much quieter. You could hear the old one a half-mile away."

Having equipment housed in a Humvee makes a difference for the calibrators and the war fighters. "Calibrators can now go out to where the war fighters need them instead of them having to bring their equipment to us," Etheridge said.

Dodgen said CALSET 2000 was for the soldiers and sent a clear message to Spec. Justin Brown, the Army's Soldier of the Year and a calibrator for the 95th Maintenance Company. "It says we care by sending better equipment to the field."

The CALSET 2000 team included the Program Executive Officer for Combat Support and Combat Service Support; Project Manager for Measurement, Electric Power and Protection; Product Manager for Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment, AMCOM's Reuse Office, Acquisition Center, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office, Command Legal Counsel, Safety Office, Research Development and Engineering Center's Engineering Directorate, the Garrison, Redstone Technical Test Center, Combined Arms Support Command, Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, 95th Maintenance Company, National Guard Bureau, 1241st Maintenance Detachment, Analytical Services Inc., CAS Inc., Dynetics Inc., General Products Inc., Macro Industries, and Science Applications International Corp.

Auditor general detained for worthy cause

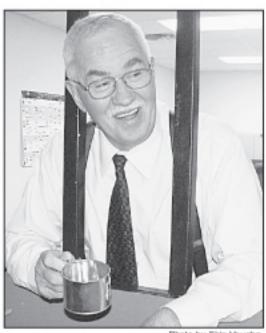


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BAIL MONEY ANYONE?— Auditor general Gene Reardon serves time in AER jail.

Makeshift jail raises money

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The Army's auditor general should've learned from last year's visit to Huntsville.

Gene Reardon spent some lighthearted minutes in the Army Emergency Relief fund-raiser jail April 9 while visiting the Huntsville Field Office of the Army Audit Agency. More than \$800 was contributed to AER so the two Garrison representatives would release him from the makeshift jail at building 4488.

"In the future I'm going to have to watch my trips to Huntsville in April," quipped Reardon, jailed for the second straight year. "But I think it's for a worthy cause. And it's really great for the office here to be so giving for the Army community." Personnel from the Army Audit Agency's Operations Center, based in Alexandria, Va., and its 26 field offices contributed the bail money to free the Army's top auditor.

With tongue squarely in cheek, Reardon thanked the Garrison representatives for not using weapons to make the arrest.

"It's too much paperwork, sir," one responded.

Reardon visited April 8-10. His brief imprisonment didn't interfere with his courtesy visits with Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, program executive officer for tactical missiles, and Col. Bob Devlin, the garrison commander.

Reardon was guest speaker at the April meeting of the local chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors. He received an update on audits being conducted by Huntsville field office personnel.

Linda Howard, the field office manager, was detained with him in the AER jail. "I really appreciated the support (from the Garrison)," she said.



Courtesy photo

Rocket

Easter speaker

Retired Col. Dave Peterson, a South Dakota resident and former chaplain of Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Ga., is scheduled speaker for the Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday at 6:30 a.m. behind the old post chapel on Patton Road.

Have fun(d) raising money for Army Emergency Relief

Scheduled activities for the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign include the following:

- Pentagon Commemorative Lapel Pins on sale for \$5 through May 15; sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Call Graciela Gonzalez 842-0861.
- Army Community Service Volunteer Cookbook on sale for \$5 through May 15; sponsored by the Garrison, Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities and Army Community Service. Call Phyllis Montgomery or Mary Breeden 876-5397.
- Valiant Bear Sale through May 15, sponsored by Resource Management Directorate. Call Janice Nolin 876-5134, Wilbert Brownlow 876-8929 or Martin Roggio 876-5133.
- Bake Sale, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Military Personnel Office, building 3494. Call Sgt. Bryan 842-0883.
- Plant Sale, Thursday in the Sparkman Center parking lot, sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Call SFC Snead 842-7883 or Romona

Rice 313-1641.

- Fun Lunch, Thursday at building 5304, sponsored by South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center. Call Lashanda Howard 876-3605.
- Garrison Cookbook Sale (160 recipes) through May 15 at building 4488, Call Donna Johnson 876-9675.
- Book Sale, April 21 through May 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 5300, second floor, sponsored by Command Analysis Directorate. Call Brian Barry 842-9909.
- Garrison "AER Fun(d) Day," April 29 at building 4488. Call Donna Johnson 876-9675.
- Bake Sale, April 29 at 7:30 a.m. at building 5300, north hallway, sponsored by LAISO. Call Adrienne Wilson 842-6755.
- Cookout/bake sale, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 5400, sponsored by Research Development and Engineering Center. Call Janet Martin 313-1996.
 - Car wash, May 1 from 11 a.m. to 4

p.m. at building 3494, sponsored by Military Personnel Office. Call Sgt. Bryan 842-0883.

- Poker Run, May 4 at CDs Pub and Grill in Madison, sponsored by Vietnam Veterans. Call Larry Bond 876-2025 or 772-9133.
- Cookout, May 7 at Col. Hudson Recreation Area, sponsored by Research Development and Engineering Center. Call Kathy Williams 842-0789, Ann Bickmore 842-6604 or Ernie Hazzard 313-0171.
- Plant sale, May 8 at Sparkman Center parking lot, sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Call SFC Snead 842-7883 or Romona Rice 313-1641.
- Golf Tournament, May 9 at Redstone Golf Course, sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Rain date is May 16. Call Nadine Manderson 842-8714, Jim Dabbs 842-0170, Austin Watson 313-2422 or SSgt. White 876-5399.



Shawn Harris/Photo Lab

GARRISON SUPPORT— Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, purchases his AER cookbook and fund-raiser ticket from Donna Johnson, garrison AER coordinator.

Hodge accepts tactical operations challenge

First civilian project manager in organization's 39 years

By SKIP VAUGHN

Rocket editor skip,vaughn@redstone.army.mil

Friday was a day of anticipation for Yolanda Hodge and the members of her Army organization.

She became project manager for Tactical Operations Centers/Air and Missile Defense Command and Control Systems, the first civilian to hold that position in the 39-year history of TOCs/AMDCCS. She succeeded Col. Gary Jerauld who retired with 27 years service.

"In my career, this day has been a long time coming," Hodge said during the change of charter ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium.

The Tacoma, Wash., native served as deputy project manager since October 1998. At 56 she has more than 34 years of federal service.

"I am quite confident that the Army has done the right thing in her selection," Brig. Gen. Michael Mazzucchi, program executive officer for command, control and communications tactical, said.

"I don't know anybody who's more qualified to do the job than her," Jerauld said. He served as project manager since February 1999; and he and his wife, Marijane, will stay in the local area.

Among the attendees were Hodge's husband, Michael; her brother, Oscar Tijerina of Vancouver, Wash.; and Jim Hodge of Shreveport, La., her brother-inlaw.

"I'm just so thrilled and excited to be given the opportunity and the support of our PEO in taking over the challenges and responsibilities of this organization," Hodge said.



Photo by Skip Vaugh

TOP DUTIES— Yolanda Hodge is project manager of Tactical Operations Centers/Air and Missile Defense Command and Control Systems.

Researcher seeks former Redstone Arsenal workers

Information gathered on industrial disposal

If you worked at Redstone Arsenal during World War II or immediately after, John Blandamer wants to know.

Blandamer, of the Garrison Environmental and Safety Office, is working on an oral history project to determine where and when waste products from chemical and conventional materiel manufacturing were disposed. If he can get that information, then costly environmental investigation studies can be performed better or avoided.

There are historical records that give, in detail, information on production and shipment of ordnance during the period when the Redstone industrial complex churned out shells by the thousands and produced chemical weapons with which many were filled. But it's the daily house-keeping information that Blandamer needs.

"Let's say I go to your house. I may know that you have three bedrooms, a living room and a kitchen. But I won't know if you keep your kitchen garbage can under the sink or next to the back door," he said. It's that kind of information, on an industrial scale, that he wants.

He gave another example using aerial photos with solid waste management units overlaid. The contractors doing the study found several spots with high concentrations of white phosphorous, and listed them as separate dumping spots for white phosphorous shells. It was only after Blandamer had studied the aerial photo that he saw a pattern that was indicative of a training range, with a definite fan pattern and impact points. There was no information about the range in the existing historic records. He hopes to find people who used to work here who can remember things like that.

Time is his biggest enemy in the project, since he's looking for people who worked here around 60 years ago; and even if he does find them, many were told at the time not to talk about what they did here. He wants to assure them it's OK to talk now, and by telling their stories, they can save the Army millions of dollars.

If you worked here between 1941 and 1960, Blandamer wants to hear your story. You can reach him at 876-2129 or by email at john.blandamer@redstone.army.mil.

Infrared radar equipment joining Guard's arsenal

Security unit members expect training soon

By JIM BOWNE

For the Rocket

The guardsmen on the gates are getting a different kind of radar for their enforcement work.

Members of the 1/131st Armor Battalion, Alabama National Guard, will soon receive training on Forward Looking Infrared Radar.

Alpha Company 131st, assigned to Redstone to augment security, will use the FLIR both for patrolling and rescue. The unit's primary mission is access control, but it also serves as a quick responsive force, according to 1st Lt. William Bridger, executive officer.

"We help out on the gates, and we are available to respond to emergency situations if required," he said.

FLIR, a thermal sensor, can pick up

'hot spots' in a cluttered environment. "I know we'll have to train on the FLIR, but that's nothing new," Bridger said. "We have to receive training on everything we use. So I expect the unit to be receiving FLIR training real soon.

"The FLIR is great, because it can be used not only for security purposes, which will offer us a wide range of opportunities, but we can use it for search and recovery missions as well," he said. "For example, if someone gets lost while hunting or fishing, we'll be able to find them. We'll be able to scan wide open areas and even areas of degraded visibility."

The 131st Armor Battalion is a tightlyknit group. "Alpha Company is from Centre, and Bravo Company is from Hartford, and Charlie Company is from Florala," Bridger said. "We also have a detachment here, Detachment 1, from the 31st Support Battalion, Bravo Company, from Oxford. The 31st is one of our support battalions."



Photo by Jim Bowne

CLEAR VIEW- 1st Lt. William Bridger tries a Forward Looking Infrared Radar.

Hail and farewell=

Retired engineer helped launch kinetic missile

Mel Hilbert proud of role during 22-year career

By SANDY RIEBELING

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It's tough raising kids. Mel Hilbert should know. He and his wife, Doris, have a blended family of eight grown children. But Hilbert also helped raise the Line-of-Sight Anti-Tank Kinetic Energy Missile, and he can tell you that creating a missile and growing it up through the Army ranks can be just as challenging

"I had to fight for the design, fight for the money, and fight to keep it going in the right direction," he said of his years working on the creation and design of the hypervelocity missile that grew into the LOSAT weapon system. Last week the system successfully completed its first engineering flight design test at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

"I came here (Redstone) in 1965 as part of the space program working software validation verification for the Saturn moon rockets," Hilbert, a contractor for Marshall Space Flight Center from 1965-71, said. "But even before then, back in '61, working in my basement on my own time I started concept development for the



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

MODEL MISSILE— Retiree Mel Hilbert holds a model Line-of-Sight Anti-Tank kinetic energy missile.

kinetic energy missile - getting a sense of what it was all about. But the technology really wasn't there yet."

In 1979, working as a contractor for the missile command, the KEM was still just a mental seed waiting for the proper time and season but by the time he came to work for the government in the guidance analysis branch two years later, the groundwork was being laid.

"The missile lab had five different

thrusts at the time," Hilbert recalled. "The hypervelocity missile was just one of them." The committee to study the possibility and feasibility of the hypervelocity missile produced many different visions of how to bring it into being, "I wasn't on the first committee but by what I was seeing and hearing, I knew something was seriously wrong.

So without fanfare or an invitation, Hilbert went back down to the basement and revived the sleeping giant. With the enormous technological advances in the late '70s and early '80s, the hypervelocity missile could become a reality.

A few months later, at the behest of his friend and co-worker, Bruce Fowler, who knew of his private work on the missile, Hilbert presented his concept to Dr. Richard Rhoades, the assistant director for technology in the missile lab, "with great trepidation."

"I knew my concept didn't fit ground concepts they (the committee) were including," Hilbert said, adding that a few months later, when a second committee to study hypervelocity missiles was formed, he became the committee's systems engi-

"I was there to make sure that all the concepts had equal technologies applied," Hilbert said. "That you didn't ignore the weight or drag if you added fins, for example. And to make sure all appropriate design concepts were addressed. The goal of the committee was to come up with the best delivery system for the kinetic energy rod. The KEM we know today came out of that design."

In 1981, at the same time the Army was investigating KEM designs, the Air Force had launched its own program to develop a hypervelocity missile. A real-world problem was emerging on the battlefields as Russia began to develop more sophisticated armor, able to confuse and lessen the effect of the Army's Hellfire and TOW missiles.

There was a major push to improve tank rounds. The intent of the hypervelocity missile is to destroy without using an explosive warhead. Instead, relying on a combination of mass and speed, the force of impact obliterates the target. Hilbert became program manager of the hypervelocity missile in 1983 and spent the next two years lobbying for money to fund the program and collaborating with the Air Force and Marines to come up with a workable design.

"It was a stressful time," Hilbert said. "It cost me my wife. There was a lot of travel, long hours, working the joint program for the hypervelocity missile. But the funds came from Congress in 1985 and that got me my second wife. We met on an airplane on a business trip."

Ultimately, the final design was defined by the restrictions of both the Marine Corps' Light Armored Vehicle and the Army's Bradley Fighting Vehicle, launch platforms for the missile. He had to build a missile that with a combination of mass and speed could destroy the most technologically advanced armor in the world. Striking a balance between the two was delicate. If the missile was too heavy or created too much drag, it couldn't reach the necessary speed within the necessary time and distance to target. If it was too light, no matter what speed it attained, the impact would be inadequate for a kill.

"The LAV had 112-inch hatch, so it couldn't be any longer than that," Hilbert said, adding that the length wasn't a problem for the Bradley but the diameter of the missile was determined by Bradley constraints. "We could only fit four missiles across in the Bradley.

"The missile was optimized at that length and met penetration requirements for current and future armor threats," Hilbert said. He was the Army's lead on the joint project until 1989 when it was transitioned to the Anti-Armor Weapons Systems Program Office.

"I made it doable," he said. "They're the ones that make it producible.

With the end of the Cold War and an ever-shrinking defense budget, the program was shelved for nearly a decade. But as the Army looked to transform to a lighter, more mobile yet more lethal force, LOSAT once again took the spotlight.

In 1998 the program entered an Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration for development on a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle and is in the system development and demonstration phase.

As the LOSAT comes out of retirement, Hilbert moves into retirement. He retired as technical management chief from the Scout Attack program office March 14.

"I've had a great career, great fun, great challenge," he said. "I've enjoyed using the resources of the lab. The people there are so much smarter than me. Talking about people and support from management - they are a super team to work

"LOSAT was my crowning achievement," Hilbert said. "I was the one that had the vision but Dr. Rhoades was the one that let me continue on my path. When he saw people with drive, vision and ability to get the job done, he would turn them loose and let them get the job done. He was a very special person, that way."

Hilbert enjoys fond memories and accomplishments of his past but he said he's still got plenty to do. His wife, Doris, is retired from Marshall Space Flight Cen-

"I've been wanting to finish this genealogy project. I've been working on it all my life," he said. "I own three houses in the neighborhood - the one next door has an extension project that needs to be finished. There's gardening and carpen-

And the list goes on.

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Jim Brothers, AFGE Local 1858 president, signed the new contract April 7. It culminated three years of negotiations between AMCOM management and union teams.

"We put a lot of hard work into it," Walter Pickett, of the management negotiating team, said. "We're glad we finally finished it.'

"It means that we're embarking on a new journey," Brothers said. "This is a better contract than the old one, I think. The old one was a good document; it lasted 20-odd years."

The new agreement includes an optional schedule of four 10-hour workdays. The first-line supervisor may approve participation of no more than one-third of the employees in the work unit.

Brothers, an engineer at Space and Missile Defense Command, has served as the union's president for more than 10 years. He decided to become a candidate for a professional vice president position at SMDC rather than running for re-elecApril 14.

Renegotiation of the former contracts began May 23, 2000 and culminated March 26. The new contract will apply to all bargaining unit members in the Aviation and Missile Command (stationed at Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville, Moffett Field, Calif., Melvin Price Support Center, and all AMCOM logistics assistance representatives), Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, Redstone Technical Test Center, Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office, Tactical Operations Centers/Air and Missile Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office.

Either party can request to renegotiate in three years. If neither side asks to renegotiate, the contract will stay in effect on a year-to-year basis.

The management negotiating team included Charlie Barnes, Emily Vandiver Dickson, Marty Martin, Willie Fitzpatrick, Brooks Woerner and Walter Pickett. The union negotiating team included Bill Clemons, Vicki Fuller, Don Eiermann, Henry Earl Smith, Ruth Easley, Valerie Harris, Shirley Keel and Abner Merriweather.

U.S. forces remind Afghans of continued presence

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When the convoy moving outside of Sangin was ambushed March 29, the equipment used by the three U.S. casualties was left behind in the rush to Medivac them to safety. One of the key goals of Operation Resolute Strike was to get that equipment back.

"It looks like we've recovered one weapon and we're in the process of recovering additional materials from the ambush

against coalition forces," Clarke said. Capt. Del Monroy, battalion intelligence officer, said the overwhelming show of force used in the operation was critical to the mission's success.

While 82nd paratroopers established a containment area around the city and special forces operators swept the city for suspects and intelligence, close air support aircraft buzzed overhead as another reminder of American power. Air Force A-10s and F-16s, Marine Corps Harriers

and Army Apache helicopters were everpresent throughout the course of the operation. During the night, a steady barrage of illumination mortars was fired to remind local residents the U.S. was still in

"The influence that we were able to bring here had a lot to do with the success here," Monroy said. "I didn't think we would get any of the U.S. equipment back."

The show of force was enough to convince a government official from the Helmond province - of which Sangin is a member - to bring forth several witnesses and people who had picked up the U.S. equipment after the ambush.

Qualified personnel and members of the criminal investigation task force questioned more than 50 local residents who might have had knowledge of the ambush. Out of that crop, four were flown to a Kandahar Air Field field collection point for further questioning.

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Williams Middle students spin winning web page

Several military youth take top honors in regional fair, advance to state level

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What do Hank Aaron, Nat King Cole, Coretta Scott King, Jesse Owens, Rosa Parks, David Satcher and Mae Jemison have in common? Do you even know who Mae Jemison is?

Me neither, until I looked at the awardwinning web page designed by three sixth-graders from Williams Technology Middle School.

Christian Crumley, Kyla Shouse and Sara Savyah created the web page as a group project to enter in the Alabama Council for Technology in Education Northwest Region Technology Fair March 7. More than 20 schools participated but the techno trio from Williams walked away with first place and the chance to compete in the state competition May 3 in Montgomery.

more from the students. And each year, they deliver." The competition is open, in age division levels, to students from fifth-grade to high school seniors, who compete individually or in groups in five categories: web page, multimedia, robotics, video and general applications. Each school is allowed to send three entries per age level and category. "We've got 32 students who qualify to go to state this year," Jones said, adding that only first and second place winners can advance. "More than 60 kids won awards."

Preparing for such a diverse competition takes a lot of planning. Crumley, Shouse and Sayyah spent about five weeks putting their project together. The first step was agreeing on the topic for a web page.

"I was really pleased with the results

of the fair," Jane Jones, technology teacher at Williams, said. "This is our

fifth year to go and every year we have

to get better and better. I have to ask

"We were studying black history in February and thought it would be a great subject for the web page," Crumley said.

They began researching famous Alabamians, narrowed the field to several well-known personalities but wanted to include some that people didn't know about.

"We wanted to put in facts that people wouldn't already know," Shouse said.

Once they had the information, the real challenge began.

"I didn't know anything really, about

how to build a web page," Crumley said. "Inserting tables and cells was hard in the beginning. Now it's easy. I learned a lot about making web pages."

Each page offers facts and vital stats but for every person, the students tried to create a unique feature using JavaScript, audio and movies. One page offers the video footage of Jesse Owens making a gold medal dash at the 1936 Olympics, cut with the reaction of the crowd, including Adolph Hitler.

The team put audio from one of Coretta King's speeches about the importance of the public education system on her page and a bit of animation for Aaron's page. They wanted variety and continuity at the same time.

"We're going to do a few more things before we go to state," Shouse said. "They let you do that - make small changes. You just can't redo the whole thing."

Crumley, 11, lives on the Arsenal with his parents, Maj. Dennis and Jennifer Crumley. Shouse is also the daughter of military parents, CWO 1 Joe and Scotque Shouse.

Other students from the Arsenal that earned honors include Josh Homan, Larissa McCaffery, Geoffrey Tate, Jerry Ortiz, Zach Gibberson, Richard Caywood, Vanessa Jimenez, Brittini Moreno, Elizabeth Parlato and Cassandra Stinnett.

The answer to the earlier question: Famous African-Americans who happen to be natives of Alabama. Jemison, the first African-American female astronaut in space, hails from Decatur.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

TEAMWORK- Williams Technology Middle School sixth-graders Sara Sayyah, Kyla Shouse and Christian Crumley won for group web page design at the Alabama Council for Technology in Education Northwest Region Technology Fair.



Richardson's Photography

Perfect Panthers

Redstone Arsenal's age 10-and-under Panthers finished the season 11-0 in the Huntsville Recreation Services League. The Panthers were coached by Wilbert Brownlow of Resource Management Directorate. From left are Julia Davis, Christopher Dickerson, Christian Lake, Jamar Pope, coach Brownlow, Alex Parker, Kalon Anderson, Nathaniel Brownlow, Marlin Clemons and Justin McArthur.

Chaplain urges soldiers to count blessings



Photo by Spec. Evan Morrow

WE ARE SOLDIERS- Chaplain Maj. Barry Presley, right, talks with Sgt. Jermaine McGee.

Vietnam, drill sergeant trail eventually led to chaplaincy

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As coalition forces took control of Baghdad and prepared for the possibility of running a provisional government, Americans have a lot to be thankful for, according to brigade chaplain Maj. Barry Presley.

"The casualties could have been worse and we could have faced a long drawn out conflict. We should praise God for watching over our soldiers and granting them peace, safety and the courage they needed to accomplish the mission," he said during a prayer breakfast Thursday. Soldiers of HHC 59th ate a buffet style breakfast provided by the Officers and Civilians Club.

The focus of the Chaplain's speech applied to all soldiers in Training and Doctrine Command watching events overseas and secretly wanting to be over there to do they job they were trained to do.

Drafted in 1967 as an infantryman and earmarked to go to Vietnam, Presley recalled going to his chaplain at Infantry Advanced Individual Training at Fort Polk, La.

"I explained that I had been a Christian since an early age and I didn't see how I was going to be able to shoot people and stay in accordance with the Ten Commandments. He told me that I was just trying to avoid going to Vietnam and sent me out of his office," Presley said.

On the walk back to the company area, Presley decided to dedicate his career to answering those questions rather than dismissing these serious issues of faith as that chaplain had done.

During a firefight in September 1967, the first of

about 12 he would be involved in during his tour, Presley asked God continuously why he was there.

He survived; and as a fresh E-5 he was picked for Drill Sergeants School, which again prompted him to ask

Over his career he has not been in the easiest of situations. He has squared off against battalion commanders, the strict rules of a Presbyterian school and the fact that the last name of Presley did not make him a musical

Through it all, he came to the conclusion that God has mission for everyone. As an infantry soldier in the trenches, he learned of the sustaining power of faith. As a drill sergeant, he learned what it meant to counsel young soldiers and deal with their problems while helping them develop. And finally as a chaplain, he was able to put all that knowledge together.

Program offers incentives for better life choices

More than 100 fitness activities can earn recognition for you

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Not everyone can run a marathon, climb Mount Everest or play lacrosse but everyone can do something. Finding your thing, or maybe making the time to do your thing, can be more challenging than the activity itself.

Sometimes you just need a little incentive to get up off that couch and get moving. On the other hand, maybe you need a little guilt-free time to grab a book, put your feet up and take your mind on an adventure. Either way, you come out a winner because you're making the choice to take better care of yourself and that's something the folks at Redstone want to recognize.

"A lot of people are already involved in activities they enjoy like basketball, jogging, coin collecting, or gardening or walking every day," Mike Chemsak, chief of recreation and family support division, said. "The Recreation and Fitness Achievement Program is a way to honor the ways they enjoy life, to keep them going and interested and maybe even try some new things."

The program, instituted two weeks ago through the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities, is closely based on the President's Sports and Fitness Awards Program. The President's program was developed as a means to motivate all Americans to be active throughout life, emphasizing regular exercise rather than outstanding performance.



IN STEP— Keeping the pace at the Sparkman Fitness Center are, from left, Integrated Materiel Management Center workers Helen Branch and Rachel Johnson, and retiree Judy Staggs.

Basically it provides achievement guidelines for 66 sports and fitness activities spread over the course of four months. Once you've completed the requirements. you send in the activity log and \$6 and you get a certificate from the program and an embroidered patch identifying your accomplishment.

Redstone's program includes the President's sports and fitness activities and guidelines as well as 40 additional recreation activities, everything from reading and cooking to vehicle refinishing, photography and volunteering.

"A lot of the recreational activities can be completed by participating in activities on post," Chemsak said. "I think people like to be recognized for doing the things they like to do - getting a little external recognition makes them feel really good and it keeps them involved."

Engine rebuilding is a category under Redstone's program, Boating, darts, air hockey, model building, library time, wood working, table games such as Monopoly, cards, Scrabble and the list goes on. Like the sports and fitness options, these recreation activities have requirements - play 25 hours of air hockey, no more than one hour credited daily. You have a year to rebuild an engine. Camping is a minimum of 12 days on at least three occasions. Gardening requires at least 36 hours, no more than two hours credited daily.

The program also includes smoking cessation and weight loss. For weight loss, the individual sets the goal to achieve within the time allotted.

"Almost all the categories have a 142day period to accomplish the goal," Chemsak said. "The President's program says four months for most of their stuff and we kept almost everything the same bringing the activities from that program to this one but because there are a different amount of days in the months, we settled on 142 which gives you just a few days more than four months."

Once the requirements are met, participants bring their information, log sheet and \$5 to a program drop-off point and get their picture taken for posting in the Hall of Fame on the web site. Drop-off sites are the Recreation Center, building 3711, Outdoor Recreation, building 5129 and Central Registration, building 1500.

"In about four weeks, after they turn in the paperwork, we'll call them and they can come and get their certificate," Chemsak said. "People don't have to stop once they've achieved the goal. They can start again in the same category to earn another certificate or they can try something else. They can even do a few things at the same time. But for each certificate up to five certificates, it costs \$5. We give you the sixth one free, plus a free T-shirt. Then it starts again, so you will pay for the next five certificates but sixth one is free, and so on."

The program is based on the honor system. It serves as an incentive to get people committed to doing something, anything that improves the quality of life. Chemsak said he is open to adding more categories upon request.

This is to motivate you and keep you active throughout your life," he said. "It's not about being the best or winning one race. It's about staying plugged into life through regular, prolonged participation."

All the information for the program can be accessed through the Morale, Welfare and Recreation web site at the following address: www.redstonemwr.com. For those interested in participating in the Presidential Sports Award program as well, access the site at http:///www.aausports.org.

HHC 59th wins preseason volleyball tournament

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The troop volleyball teams should be

practicing this week. That's because the regular season

opens April 21 at Pagano Gym with eight teams competing.

HHC 59th has an early edge after beating Delta in the preseason tournament final Thursday night. Delta, from the losers' bracket, won the first match 18-25, 25-16, 15-10. But the 59th lived up to its motto - "Raise up" - and won the second and deciding match 12-25, 25-22, 15-10. "It looked like Delta just got tired,"

recreation specialist Angie Lamb said "Delta had played six games the night before. And the mistakes they were making were from fatigue; it wasn't lack of skill. HHC just had a chance to be a little

"That's good teamwork," 59th player Patrick Perry said. "We just pulled together, played good hard ball.

Top players for the 59th included Hector Rivera and Michael Copeland. Delta was led by Stanley Lewis and Wayne Smith.

Charlie team-1 finished third. The other teams include Bravo, Marines, Headquarters & Alpha, AMCOM and NCO Academy.

No pain, no gain makes no sense

Physical therapy professional advises moderate exercise

By DIRK CARSON

For the Rocket

OK, it's time to put up or shut up. It has been more than three months since making all those New Year's resolutions to lose weight and start exercising. Because of the increase in daylight hours and warmer weather, business usually picks up for physical therapists this time of year. This article should help you avoid making some common mistakes in your exercise program that would lead you to make a resolution next year to never exercise again.

First and foremost, let's debunk the saying "No pain, no gain." Ignoring pain is a great way to bring on a serious injury or injuries. I compare it to driving a car and seeing the oil light come on but still continuing to drive. Pain is not your friend. And, contrary to all those T-shirts, pain is not weakness leaving your body. Pain comes from the Greek word meaning "payment or penalty." These are not positive outcomes. Exercising should be a rewarding experience. If you have pain while exercising, something has gone amiss and you need to stop or at least change what you are doing.

Now there is also a nasty little thing called Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness. This is muscular discomfort that generally starts the day after you exercise or participate in a sport or activity that you do not normally engage in on a regular basis. This can be a very educational process as you learn just how often a certain muscle is used during the course of a day. Being a little more cautious and conservative when initiating an exercise program as well as stretching after exercising can help reduce the effects of DOMS. "No pain, no gain" has no validity.

A common mistake people make when initiating an exercise program is to do too much, too quick, too soon with too little rest and too little recovery time between exercise sessions. This also comes into play with people who exercise on a regular basis but had to stop for six weeks or longer due to sickness, extended travel, slothfulness or whatever. The mistake

these people make is that they tend to resume their exercise program where they last left off. If you were walking two miles a day three times a week for the past eight months, but caught the flu in early January and haven't exercised since then, you need to build back up to your pre-flu mileage. Starting back at the same mileage is a great way to bring on shin splints, plantar fasciitis, or Achilles tendonitis. Proper aerobic conditioning is a lot like money, it is hard to get but easy to lose. Ideally, you want to get 30 minutes of aerobic activity 3-5 times per week. Remember, start slowly and build up to this level over the next couple of months. Generally, a 10 percent increase in distance and/or intensity per week is recommended.

Finally, if you do suffer a minor musculoskeletal injury, think of the acronym RICE (rest, ice, compression, elevation). Immobilizing and resting the injury site is important to prevent further injury. This should generally last 2 or 3 days and might be achieved by using crutches, splints or wraps. Ice or cold packs are essential to decrease pain, inflammation and swelling. Applying a cold pack for 20 minutes at a time and repeating every couple of hours is recommended for the first 48 hours (or longer if injury site is still warm to the touch). Compression in the form of an external pressure can assist in controlling hemorrhage and hematoma formation. Elastic wraps are commonly used to apply compression and should be used throughout the day but removed at night. Elevation of the injured site, along with compression and ice, helps to reduce internal bleeding. Best elevation results occur when the injured part is elevated above the heart. If you aren't getting relief after 48-72 hours of using RICE, seeking medical attention is recommended.

As you head out to start that exercise program that you promised yourself you would do, remember to listen to your body's warning signs (one of which is pain), don't be too aggressive initially; and if an injury occurs, think RICE. For more information on sports injury prevention, go to www.active.com.

Editor's note: Dirk Carson is chief of physical therapy at Fox Army Health

Spouses club enlists support for community activities

Camaraderie, fun flavor meetings

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Coming into a new military community can be difficult. Making friends and feeling like a part of the community can be hard while settling in. An easy way to meet others with similar interests and lives is to join a club or organization on post, such as the Enlisted Spouses Club.

As one of the most dedicated groups on post, this club offers camaraderie while maintaining a high level of activity as volunteers and fund-raisers.

Their mission is one of support, with a healthy dose of fun thrown in for good measure. The list of activities and organizations they support with donations is extensive, such as Army Emergency Relief, the Red Cross, Christmas Charities, Soldier of the Quarter and of the Year, Drill Sergeant of the Year and Total Tots, among others.

"Redstone is our first priority," MSgt. Crystal Taylor, club president, said. They raise funds through bingo at the Challenger Activity Center and with Christmas gift wrapping during the holiday season. They are also responsible for merit scholarships for club members and their families.

"We are here for the soldiers, especially the younger soldiers, to help in whatever they are involved in," Dessie Johnson, parliamentarian and member for more than 20 years, said.

However, cash is not the only thing the 16-member club gives back to the community. They also give time.

"Just with the 16 to 20 members we have, from January 2002 to December 2002, we put in 1,300 hours doing volunteer work in the community," Dorothy Patrick, a board member, said. "Every program the Army is involved in on Redstone and outside Redstone, we try to get our hands in and help."

As part of April's celebration of the Month of the Military Child, ESC volunteers are coordinating with Youth Services to work the booths and donate prizes.

"A lot of our members do volunteer work both inside and outside of the club," Taylor said. "We do a lot for such a small group."

It may be hard work, but it can also be a good time. "My favorite activity was the Rockfest we did last year," Jennifer Kennedy, treasurer, said. "We sold concessions for MWR and we just had a really good time."

Soldiers and spouses from all branches of service are eligible to join, from private to command sergeant major or their equivalent. Both active duty and retired are welcome as are both men and women. "I'm currently the only military member of the club and I hope I can set an example to other military people," Taylor said. A yearly membership fee of \$15 is required per member. That works out to only \$1.25 a month.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Challenger. The ESC executive board meets for an hour before the general meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. Business is conducted over coffee and snacks, and usually lasts no more than an hour. Separate activities are scheduled on dates and times that are convenient for club members, such as a yearly pool party being put together for late summer and a Volunteer Appreciation Night held in mid-March. "We took over the Firehouse on that Saturday and we played bingo for prizes and other things," Taylor said. "We try to keep fun stuff going and not just meetings." Members have taken bus trips to Tunica, Miss., and gone on flea market

The ESC web site has been constructed by member Gail Meyers. The site, www.redstoneesc.4mg.com, supplies information about the club and its members. Visitors can read questions and answers about ESC or ask a question of their own. Flyers at Army Community Service provide more information for those interested. All eligible community members are welcome.

"With every new member we get, we get new ideas — which is good for the club," Taylor said.



Photo by Kelley Lane

MEMBERSHIP MEETING— Enlisted Spouses Club members include, in front row from left, Mary Potter, Gail Meyers, Beryl Cutts, Dorothy Patrick, Martha Welch, Tracy Silvia and Lisa Loew. In back row are Jennifer Devlin, Ann Parlato, Dessie Johnson, Jennifer Kennedy and Crystal Taylor.

Women's club helps students pursue their college dreams



Photo by Skip Vaughn

COLLEGE BOUND— From left are Mary Hinkson, Abby Moeller, Brett Jenkins, Brian Spear, Erin Lunn and Christine Dever. Not pictured are Monica Ecklin and Lauren Bissell.

Eight winners selected for one-time grants

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Some local students have extra money for college, courtesy of the Officers and Civilians Women's Club.

The club presented its annual Merit Awards, one-time grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, at a luncheon April 8 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The eight recipients included five high school seniors, two undergraduates and a member/spouse.

Brett Jenkins of Butler High received a \$1,000 merit award and a \$1,000 scholarship from First Command. The other winners included Brian Spear and Mary Hinkson of Huntsville High, Erin Lunn of Sparkman High, Abby Moeller of Bob Jones High, Monica Ecklin of Vanderbilt University, Lauren Bissell of the University of Alabama, and member Christine Dever. They were selected from 17 applicants.

"I would like to congratulate all the winners on your outstanding achievements," Diane Moore, merit awards chairperson, said. "You did a first-class job on your applications and you're certainly deserving of these awards."

Jenkins, son of member Jennifer Jenkins, is the graduating class valedictorian at Butler. He plans to major in chemistry at Vanderbilt or Alabama.

"To get an award based on merit as opposed to financial status, it bodes well for the future," he said.

Spear, son of member Charlotte Spear, is a student leader at Huntsville High who plans to major in civil engineering at Auburn.

"It's a great honor to be recognized for all our hard work," he said. "I'm very honored to be chosen out of a group of select people."

Lunn, daughter of member Angela Lunn, is a student leader at Sparkman High who will pursue a nursing degree at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

"It gives me a chance to really further my education," she said of the award. "And I'm really excited to be able to pursue something I've dreamed of for a long, long time."

Hinkson, daughter of member and retired Maj. Mary Hinkson, plans to major in psychology at Clemson University. Moeller, daughter of member Glenda Moeller, will major in international business and apparel merchandising at Auburn. Ecklin, daughter of member Tery Ecklin, is finishing her freshman year at Vanderbilt with a double major in education and Spanish. Bissell, daughter of member Mary Bissell, is majoring in political science and Spanish at Alabama.

Dever is working on an associate degree in early childhood education at Ashworth College and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree when her oldest child finishes college.

"To some people, starting over might be daunting," she said. "But to an Army wife, it's just another day in the Army."

She had some advice for the young award winners. "Take advantage of the opportunity given to you now."

Altogether the awards amounted to \$7,000, including the \$1,000 from First Command. OCWC raised its \$6,000 for merit awards from fund-raisers throughout the past year, mainly the Pineapple Open golf tournament and the art auction. Maj. Christine Hackett served as the merit awards co-chairperson.

Officers for 2003-04, elected by the luncheon's 63 attendees, included president Chris Swart, first vice president Dede Busk, second vice president Tess McKaig, secretary Elaine Macedonia and treasurer Nikki Adams.

Trip to CNN in Atlanta reveals inner workings

Ordnance officers visit network news center

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The modern media and the military have enjoyed a love-hate relationship over the years. Military leaders have been especially wary of the "watch dog" function of the media, which has sometimes led them to believe that the media are out to portray things in a negative or sensationalist light in order to sell their product.

In a message issued jointly by the secretary of defense and the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, the military's commitment to use the media as an effective tool for disseminating information and documenting operations was put in print. This message called for media access to combat operations on an unprecedented scale. Media access has now been deemed an implied task to any oper-

With this new partnership between the media and the military, it is up to commanders to take the initiative and decide how best to make use of the media.

"This CNN venture was a result of Col. (David) Hafele's vision," Maj. Desiree Burgess-Fields said. "He felt the understanding that OMEMS leaders would get from the trip would help them make better use of the media technology available to them."

The trip began early March 14, and after a few hours of winding roads, the bus and its 24 occupants pulled in front of Cable News Network in Atlanta. They met up with officers of the 73rd Ordnance Battalion at the food court and took some time to socialize.

The first scheduled event was a talk by Lt. Col. Sparky

Goodman that dealt with effective use of the media by commanders. After describing a few real-life scenarios, he elaborated on the role of the public affairs officer in a

"Events as simple as common task training can be opportunities to show the public part of what we do," Goodman said. "Be proactive, frame the issues and set the tone for the discussion. Most difficulties come when you are forced into a reactionary or explanatory posture."

This put the rest of the itinerary in context. For the next hour, the group went on a guided tour of the CNN news rooms. The soldiers were able to see news being created as reports passed from producers to writers and finally to the anchor who delivers it in front of the cam-

"The presentation was put together well," HHC 59th commander Capt. Monica Hurst said. "This underscored the importance of presentation in the effective communication of facts to the public. It's something we all need to be aware of because wearing the uniform makes us default spokespersons for the Army."

The finale of the trip was a briefing by Eason Jordan, vice president of newsgathering at CNN. Jordan has worked in more than 60 nations as an executive and as a reporter. He supervised the coverage of the Gulf War in 1991 and CNN coverage of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He has won numerous cable television programming

He explained coverage decisions and focused on what reporters do in the field to collect the information that will eventually be shaped into the final news product.

There are a lot of dangers faced by embedded journalists in the field. They have been detained, killed, tortured, mistaken for CIA... They do understand the danger of the combat zone," Jordan said. "They are out there to get the story, but there are operational considerations for a responsible media organization, such as not getting in the way of a military operation or compromising it in the process of newsgathering."



Photo by Spec. Evan Morrow

GRATITUDE- Lt. Col. Douglas Taylor, left, presents a plaque to Eason Jordan, CNN vice president of newsgathering, for explaining the network's operations.



Stars baseball

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring the annual Team Redstone night at Joe Davis Stadium, April 26. Bring your family and friends to the ballpark to watch the Huntsville Stars take on the Greenville Braves at 7:05 p.m. There will be extra attractions and military displays for the evening. Look for your free general admission tickets at popular locations on the Arsenal, such as the Sparkman Center, other office complexes, PX and Commissary. You can also contact your CWFC representative for other free general admission ticket locations.

Run/bike/run

3D Research Corporation will sponsor a duathlon April 26 in Hampton Cove to benefit the Huntsville Hospital Foundation. The race includes a 5K run/25K bike/5K run and is limited to 250 competitors. Cost is \$35 for individuals, \$50 for relays. For more information, call race director David Swinford 464-9494 or log onto http://www.springcitytri.org.

King pins tourney

Redstone Lanes will hold its first King of the Hill Tournament at noon April 19. Signup begins at 11 a.m.; and the fee is \$15 per bowler. Current ABC league averages or 2001-02 book averages will be used (10 pin rule in effect); bowlers without an established average will bowl scratch (200 average). The tournament is limited to the first 64 bowlers, so show up early to reserve your spot. There is a guaranteed first place (King) of \$100 dollars donated by Regal Auto Place and many door prizes donated by Redstone Lanes. Based on 64 entries, the prize fund breakdown is: King \$450, second \$200 and \$50 for third and fourth place. For information call Patrick Hunt 837-1834 or 527-1173, or Redstone Lanes 876-6634

Golf benefit

The annual American Society of Military Comptrollers benefit golf tournament, in memory of ASMC member Pepper Takayama, is April 25 at 8 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course. Sponsors include Quantitech, Paradigm Technologies Inc., BAE Systems and Sparta. Proceeds will be donated to the American Diabetes Association. The individual cost is \$32 (including \$5 donation to charity). Contests include closest to the pin and longest drive. Call Bob Popour 313-2689 or Rick Lindsey 955-0064 by April 21 to sign up.

Fund golf tournament

The 2003 AER Golf Tournament, a fourperson scramble, is May 9 at 7:30 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course. Rain date is May 16. Entry fee is \$23 for members, \$35 for non-members. Call Nadine Manderson 842-8714, Austin Watson 313-2422, Jim Dabbs 842-0170 or SSgt. White 876-5399.

Conference golf tourney

In conjunction with the Army T&E Days 2003 Conference, a golf tournament will be held June 3 at 8 a.m. at the Canebrake Country Club in Athens. Fee is \$60. Registration information is on the web site: www.testevaldays.com or call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Bicycle ride

The second annual Tour de Arsenal Bicycle Ride is May 20 at 5 p.m., sponsored by the Jacob Sverdrup Marshall Space Flight Center Group Support contract Employee Welfare and Morale Committee. The 18mile ride, starting at the NASA Exchange Fitness Center parking lot at Morris and Digney roads, roughly follows the historical railroad route around the southern part of Redstone Arsenal. Helmets are mandatory. For more information, call Jamie Miernik 544-6534.



Test and evaluation days

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency will sponsor its sixth Army T&E Days 2003 — "Building Test Capabilities for the Future: Supporting FCS, The Objective Force, and the Next Generation Army" — on June 3-5 at the South Hall of the Von Braun Center. Scheduled speakers include Claude Bolton Jr., ASA(ALT); Walter Hollis, DUSA(OR); Maj. Gen. Robert Armbruster, CG ATEC; Dennis Muilenburg, vice president-FCS, Boeing; and more to be announced. An exposition will be held in conjunction with the conference. Government and industry organi-

zations are encouraged to participate in the exposition. Registration is \$325 (form is on web site) and is in TIP. For more information, call Mike McFalls 876-3462 or Sherry Hilley 842-6715. The web site is www.testevaldays.com.

Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For information call 313-1478. The Redstone Arsenal group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of Bicentennial Chapel.

Support group

The Mental Health Center of Madison County is offering a free support group for family and friends of loved ones overseas or anyone concerned about the American troops and country. Operation Group Resilience is a forum for coming together and talking; reducing isolation, feelings of sadness and anxiety; and developing empathy and understanding. Operation Group Resilience will meet Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. beginning April 3 in the Community Room of the Mental Health Center of Madison County, 4040 South Memorial Parkway. A mental health professional will facilitate each session and resource materials will be available. This group is open to all individuals in the community, and reservations are not required. For more information, call Kelley Robbins 533-1970.

Waiting spouses

Waiting Spouses will be going bowling Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Redstone Bowling Center. The \$5 cost includes bowling, shoe rental, and dinner. Child care will be provided. A special gift will be given to all waiting spouses who attend. "If your husband is active duty Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, activated National Guard or Reserves, or if you anticipate that they may be activated, we'd love to have you join our group," a prepared release said. For more information, call Tracy Silvia or Kristi Foster at Army Community Service 876-5397. 16

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Alabama State alums

The Alabama State University, Rocket City Alumni Chapter will have its monthly meeting Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Piccadilly Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall.

Military care group

Whitesburg Baptist Church has formed the Military Care Group that meets Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30 in room 114. This group meets to support the military and their families, whether active duty, Reserve or National Guard, with Christian fellowship, hope and encouragement. The church, 6806 Whitesburg Drive, invites all military and families. For information call Tina Tindle 704-5678, ext. 205.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday morning from 6:30-7:30 at Redstone Golf Club. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will hold its monthly meeting April 29 at 11 a.m. at Papa Lovetti's Restaurant, banquet room, on University Drive. For more information, call Meg Lipsey 955-6262, ext.112, or Mary Peoples 955-4275.



Business scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will present two \$1,000 scholarship awards to a high school and college

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student majoring in a business field. Merit awards may apply toward tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. Deadline for applications is April 30. For more information or a scholarship application, call Patricia Motes 876-9317.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays 9-5, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop is now accepting homemade craft items for consignment. The shop is a collection site for New Futures - so bring your cell phones that are in working order -Audiovox, Ericsson, Kyocera 3035, Motorola and Nokia — and all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier, and laser jet cartridges. For more information, call 881-6992.

Professionals week

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will sponsor its annual Administrative Professionals Week training April 22 from 8-noon in the SELA Auditorium, building 5400. Registration is 7:30-8 a.m. Jenny Nolen will speak on "Effective Communication Skills," and Thommy Halfen, South East Crime Prevention, will speak on "Crime Prevention/Safety Awareness." The training is available in TIPs under course number F32APW or vendor name IAAP. In addition, attendee names should be provided to amita.lee@redstone.army.mil. The Redstone Arsenal Chapter is happy to offer this course at no cost to you. The course is not restricted to administrative professionals; if you have an interest in the subjects, you are invited to attend. For more information, call Arnita Lee 842-6038.

Butler High reunion

Butler High class of 1983 will have its 20year reunion Aug. 29-30. For information call Tammy 721-2246 or Kelly 829-1427.

Father of year

Madison County's Father of the Year will be chosen from among several hundred nominees by a panel of judges composed of Sybil Cleveland, judge, Huntsville Municipal Court; Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander; Mike Gillespie, chairman of Madison County Commission; Brad Jones, CEO, Crestwood Medical Center; Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer; Paula Steigerwald, CEO, Huntsville/Madison County Botanical Gardens; Keith Wilson, general manager, Wiley Labs; and Dr. Susan Wu, founder of ERC Inc. The Father of the Year and each finalist will be honored June 21 at Huntsville's Depot Roundhouse with dancing to the music by the "Chevy 6," a silent auction, cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres. The event is a tribute to the

importance of responsible fatherhood, and contributes to the mission of the Volunteer Center of Madison County. Nomination forms and more information are available by calling the Volunteer Center 539-7797 and from the center's web site: www.volunteerhsv.org. Nominees must work or reside within Madison County and will be reviewed for the qualities that make individuals outstanding fathers.

Aeronautics awards

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Alabama-Mississippi Section is requesting nominations for the 2002-03 annual Section Awards. The awards will be presented at the Officers and Board of Director Installation and Awards Banquet, May 15. Submit nominations by Friday. For more information, call Steven Noneman 544-2048.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel holds Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent, through April 18, at 6 p.m. A soup supper will follow. Sign up during fellowship to bring soup or bread. Good Friday will be celebrated April 18 at 3 p.m., with stations at 6. Easter Vigil Mass is April 19 at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass is April 20 at 9:30 a.m. Mass is held Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

IMMC AER fund-raisers

Want to know when the next sale of those

Pentagon pins will take place? Maybe you are interested in the plant sale. Want to play in a golf tournament but don't know how to enter? You can find the answers anytime at http://immc.redstone.army.mil/aer/.

College fund banquet

The 25th annual United Negro College Fund banquet is Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. Scheduled guest speakers are Tim and Daphne Reid, television actors; and the guest entertainer is jazz violinist Michael Ward. For more information, call 726-7584 or 726-7236.

Motorcycle safety course

The Department of Defense and Department of Army require all soldiers who operate motorcycles either on or off post to have satisfactorily completed an approved Motorcycle Safety Course. This requirement also applies to all individuals who operate a motorcycle on DoD installations. Motorcyclists will be required to show proof of meeting this requirement when registering or renewing a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal. Experienced Rider Courses have been scheduled for the following dates: April 30, May 2, May 14 and June 14. Each course will start at 8 a.m. and end by 5 p.m. This training will be provided free of cost for military and DoD civilians. To qualify for the ERC, a rider must have at least one year experience and have ridden more than 1,000 miles. These

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requirements are reduced to six months and 500 miles if the rider has completed a Basic Rider Course. Individuals under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign a required waiver form before starting the course. Riders must bring a valid driver license with motorcycle endorsement to the course. Enrollees must provide a street-legal motorcycle which will need to pass an inspection by the rider coaches. The inspection includes tires and wheels, controls, lights, oil, chassis and kickstand. Motorcycles should be properly insured. Class participants should also provide their own helmet and all required safety gear. To register for one of these courses, call Bryan Lorge 842-8622.

NCO club

Knowing that the noncommissioned officer is the "backbone" of the military service, Redstone Arsenal has a new NCO Club program called the Backbone Lounge, This includes Friday afternoon "happy hour" with free buffet at the Challenger Activity Center, discounts on Child Development Center and School Age Services fees, 10 percent off all evening dining purchases at the Soldatenstube, more perks at Outdoor Recreation and swimming pools, discount Golf Course fees, Auto Skills Center fees, and the Bowling snack bar. Each member will receive a free quarterly birthday party dinner buffet plus an invitation to the three other birthday bashes. Membership is open to active duty, retired and Reserve/Guard NCOs (E-5 through E-9) and DoD civilians (grade GS-6 or equivalent and below). For more information, call LuAnne Hardee 830-9175.

Youth job fair

The annual youth job fair is Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Huntsville High gymnasium (Billie Watkins Drive off Bob Wallace Avenue). Employers will be on hand to conduct interviews and provide summer job applications to youth (16 through college age). The job fair is sponsored by the Madison County Commission, providing youth a convenient and safe means of applying for summer jobs.

Employment help

A job search tips session will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. at Youth Services, building 3148, to help the youth prepare for the job fair. This session will help participants to organize their information, identify skills and complete job applications more efficiently. To register call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Prenatal class

Expectant parents (military beneficiaries) are invited to a free prenatal educational program sponsored by Fox Army Health Center. Registered nurses provide information on nutrition, exercise, labor and delivery, and newborn care so parents can make informed choices about their health during and after pregnancy. Family members and labor coaches are welcome. Free "What To Expect When You Are Expecting" books will be available for all who attend. The program is April 30 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at ChildWise, 1413 Nike St. Call Public Health And Education

Center 842-0196 for information and to register.

Benefit book sale

The Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for Army Emergency Relief is April 21 through May 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Sparkman building 5300 on the second floor by the elevators. "As in the past, we accept donations of books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotapes," a prepared release said. "We will be able to receive donations from April 3 until April 29." If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 842-9909 to arrange delivery and pick up of those items.

Property tag sale

The Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities will hold a non-appropriated fund Property Tag Sale May 6-8 at building 7436. The sale is 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. May 6-7 and ends at 1 p.m. May 8. All sale items have a two-part, prepriced tag attached. The bottom of the tag will be carried to the register to purchase the item; simply present your receipt to clear the building. All items must be removed the day of purchase. This sale is open to all members of the Redstone community, including contractors. For more information, call 876-1418 or go to www.redstonemwr.com.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration degree program at 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101E, 102 Wynn Drive. Weekend classes meet in Huntsville on an 18-month alternate weekend format. For more information call Bill Spade 800-672-7223, ext. 5046, or by e-mail to bill@huizenga.nova.edu.

Command sergeant major

A retirement ceremony and luncheon honoring post CSM Roscoe Johnson will be held May 1. The ceremony is 8:30 a.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field (Patton and Aerobee Road); and the luncheon begins 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Lucretia Townsend 955-6925.

Association scholarship

The Army Space and Missile Defense Association will award a \$1,000 scholarship in August. Applications are due by July 15. For more information, call Bob Belton of Quantum Research International 971-1800, ext. 257.

Children's block party

Child and Youth Services will celebrate Month of the Military Child with its annual Block Party, April 26 from 1-4 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148 on Goss Road. For more information, call Yvonne 955-8401 or 876-5437.

Benefit yard sale

Waiting Spouses Yard Sale will be held May 5 at 7 a.m. at 305 Hughes Drive. All proceeds will be used in support of the Waiting Spouses, Army Community Service, Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call Tracy Silivia or Kristi Foster 876-5397.

Logistics course

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics is offering a 50-hour Logistics Management course. The course provides a comprehensive review of logistics, preparing interested students for the next CPL exam scheduled Nov.1. For more information, call Joyce Bilodeau 842-9968.

Prayer breakfast

The next IMMC Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast is April 23 at 7:30 a.m. in Sparkman building 5308, room 8124 (conference room). No food or drink will be served, but you may bring your own. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Clifton Canady 876-



Photo by Rita Harper/Commissary

Sweet appreciation

The Commissary staff celebrated Military Family Deployment Appreciation Day, April 8 by welcoming the Redstone Arsenal Waiting Spouses. The special event included shopping sprees, giveaway of two bicycles, Easter bags for the children and refreshments. The Commissary plans to do this monthly, according to store director Rita Harper. "Definitely we're going to be in support 100 percent behind them during the entire deployment," she said.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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